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## Faculty News

- The School of Politics and Global Studies hosted this year's Peace Science Society (International) Conference. From November 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>, the conference consisted of various workshops, discussions and a poster session. You can find out more information on the conference page, [here](#).
- SPGS professor Valerie Mueller was awarded a SESYNC (National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center) Pursuit grant under funding received from the National Science Foundation to foster collaborative research on predicting population movement in response to sea level rise and coastal extremes. The first research meeting will take place in March 2018 in Annapolis.
- This month, SPGS professor Jennet Kirkpatrick's book, [The Virtues of Exit: On Resistance and Quitting Politics](#), came out with UNC Press. There is a video with more information [here](#).
- SPGS professor David Siroky was interviewed about secession in Catalonia and Iraqi Kurdistan for Sveriges Radio, National Public Radio of Sweden, Godmorgon, världen!, on November 4, 2017. The recording (in Swedish) can be heard [here](#).



## Uber a 'shared shock' around the world

## that created a perfect experiment

At the School of Politics and Global Studies' Kramer Lecture, MIT political scientist Kathleen Thelen shared her research on the widely varying reactions to the ride-sharing app Uber in 3 different nations.

"For a comparative political scientist like me who likes to study how things work across different countries, Uber is a wonderful case because it spread quickly across the globe," said Kathleen Thelen, the Ford Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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## ASU student blogs 'through the eyes of a refugee'

Change isn't always grand or sweeping. Sometimes something as simple as a blog, can open people's eyes to a global issue that needs our attention.

For ASU global studies major Natalija Staletovic, this is where she started.

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## ASU alumnus wants to serve his community, country

Ever since his first visit to ASU, alumnus Abraham Hamadeh knew it was the ideal place for him to study political science.

"The professors were the best part about my time at ASU," Abraham said. "Even though it's such a large school, you can really develop a very personal relationships with professors. Overall, they gave me great advice for my future."

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## ASU political science student runs for city council

The love of her hometown is what motivates political science major Alexa Scholl. The passion for her community inspired her to run for city council while still attending Arizona State University.

Scholl's interest in campaigns led her to help with various fundraising efforts while growing up in Prescott, Arizona. After getting exposure to what it takes to run a campaign she asked herself, "What if I were to run for city council myself?"

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